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Public Notice

APPPLICATION NO.:	MNH-MVK-2006-349
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DATE:	November 3, 2008
EXPIRATION DATE:	November 24, 2008

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District, and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services are considering an application for a Department of the Army permit and State water quality certification for the work described herein. A water quality certification is required in accordance with statutory authority contained in the LRS 30:2074 A (3) and provisions of the Clean Water Act. Comments should be forwarded to the Vicksburg District, Attention: CEMVK-OD-F, at the above address, and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, Post Office Box 4313, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313.

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has a copy of the application on file in their office in Baton Rouge and may be inspected at any time between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Copies may be obtained from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality upon payment of cost of printing.

Law Requiring a Permit: Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), which applies to discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

Name of Applicant:
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Name of Agent:
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Location of Work: Section 53, Township 18 North, Range 4 East, located in the Bayou Lafourche drainage basin, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

Description of Work: (See enclosed map and drawings.)

The following descriptions of the proposed project and associated

impacts are based upon information provided by the applicant.

The applicant is applying for a Department of the Army permit for the discharge of dredged and/or fill material associated with the commercial development of a retail park which includes two restaurants and a retail shopping center located on 4.67 acres along Armand Drive.

The proposed work would impact approximately 1.91 acres of jurisdictional wetlands with the development of 30,046 square feet of retail space. Approximately 15,078 cubic yards of clean commercial fill (silty clay) obtained from an off-site source will be used to fill the proposed project site. Approximately 250 cubic yards (8 inches deep) of topsoil will overlay the fill material in the landscaped and unpaved areas with approximately 1159 cubic yards (3 inches deep) of asphalt covering the paved portions of the property and approximately 518 cubic yards of concrete for the foundation of the proposed buildings.

The vegetation on the regulated portion of the project site includes hickory, cypress, red maple, water oak, winged elm and poison ivy. Soils mapped in the Ouachita Soil Survey indicated that the Perry Series was located in the jurisdictional area which is described as occasionally flooded poorly drained clayey soil. The other mapped soil series includes the Hebert Complex which is described as occurring in areas that have shallow swales but are present on the higher elevation.

The discharge of dredged and/or fill material associated with the mechanized land clearing of jurisdictional wetlands requires a Department of the Army Permit.

Upon reviewing this notice, you should write to this office to provide your opinion of the impacts this work will have on the natural and human environment and address any mitigation you believe is necessary to offset these impacts. Other comments are welcome, but the above information will further our review of the applicant's plan as proposed. Comments of a general nature are not as helpful as those specific to the impacts of the subject project.

State Water Quality Permit: The State Pollution Control Agency must certify that the described work will comply with the State's water quality standards and effluent limitations before a Corps permit is issued.

<u>Cultural Resources</u>: An initial review indicates that the proposed project would not affect any of the sites in Ouachita Parish listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Copies of this notice have been sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer, Federally Recognized Tribes, and other interested parties for comment on potential effects to cultural resources that could result from this activity.

Endangered Species: Our initial finding is that the proposed work would not affect any endangered species or their critical habitat. This proposal is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and any comments regarding endangered species or their critical habitat will be addressed in our evaluation of the described work.

Flood Plain: In accordance with 44 CFR Part 60 (Flood Plain Management and Use), participating communities are required to review all proposed development to determine if a flood plain development permit is required. Flood plain administrators should review the proposed development described in this public notice and apprise this office of any flood plain development permit requirements.

Evaluation Factors: The decision whether or not to issue a permit will be based upon an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its expected adverse effects. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among these are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, historic values, fish and wildlife values, flood damage prevention, land use classification, navigation, recreation, water supply, water quality, energy needs, safety, food requirements and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Evaluation of the proposed activity will include application of the guidelines published by the Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act.

Public Involvement: The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties. These comments will be used to evaluate the impacts of this project. All comments will be considered and used to help determine whether to issue the permit, deny the permit, or issue the permit with conditions, and to help us determine the amount and type of mitigation necessary. This information will be used in our Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing.

Opportunity for a Public Hearing: Any person may make a written request for a public hearing to consider this permit application.

This request must be submitted by the public notice expiration date and must clearly state why a hearing is necessary. Failure of any agency or individual to comment on this notice will be interpreted to mean that there is no objection to the proposed work. Please bring this announcement to the attention of anyone you know who might be interested in this matter.

Notification of Final Permit Actions: Each month, the final permit actions from the preceding month are published on the Vicksburg District Regulatory web page. To access this information, you may follow the link from the Regulatory web page, http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/offices/od/odf/main.asp, or go directly to the Final Permit Actions web page at http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/offices/od/odf/PubNotice/MonthlyNotice/pnmain.asp.

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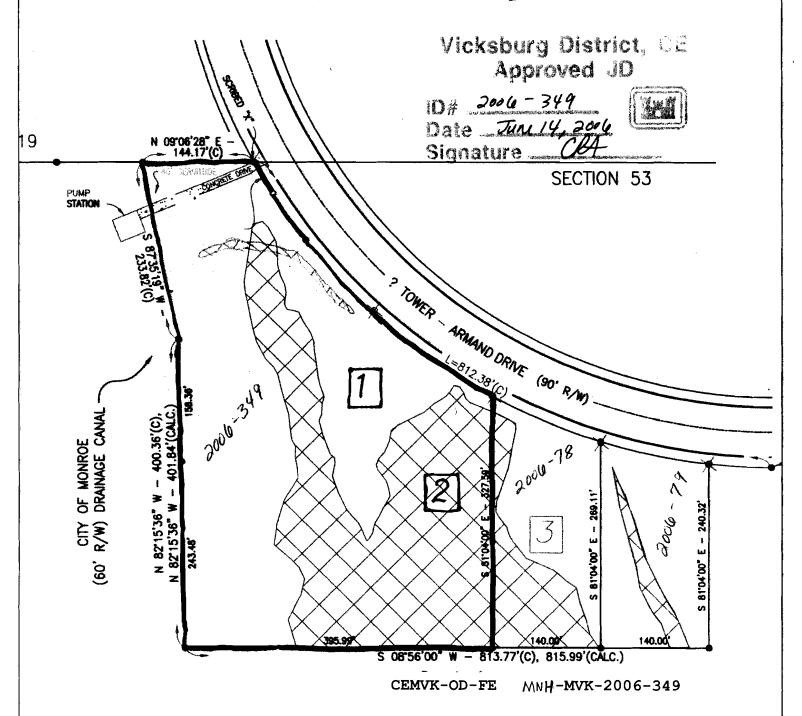
Chief, Evaluation Section

Regulatory Branch

PRELIMINARY WETLAND DELINEATION

Approximately 6.43 Acres Section 53, T-18N, R-4E Ouachita Parish, Louisiana





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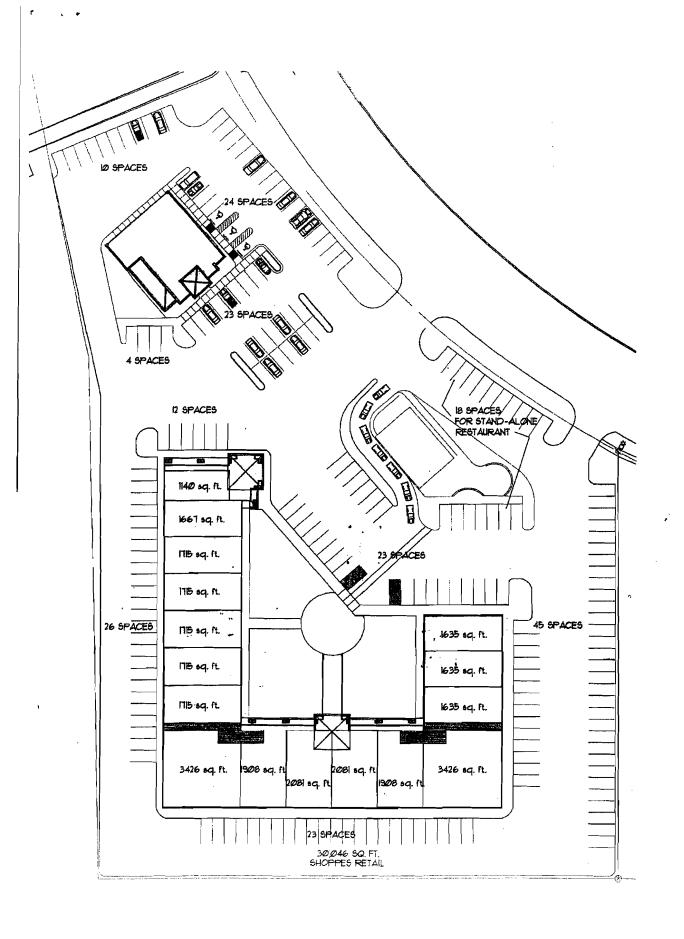
PITTMAN ENVIRONMENTAL Project: SERVICES L.L.C. Tower AI P.O. Box 16296

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Tower Armand Drive



Delineated Jurisdictional Wetland ±2.37 Acres, 2006 Preliminary 191 Acres Proposed Impacts



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